

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION											
TYPE OF A/C A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	UNIT 36 S.F.T.S. Penhold		COM. 4	PLACE 3 miles / of Penhold		DATE 17-3-44 TIME 1000		COMMAND			
						H.Q. FILE 1300-AS272					
	A/C TYPE OXFORD II			No. AJ272	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E. X	DAY X	NIGHT		
	PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL			
	BIGGS, K.		LAC	1606094	PP	Killed.		No. A.10	DATE 18-3		
								D 14 (REVISED)			
TYPE OF UNIT A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z							No. 4	CHECKED	MONTH FORCED LANDING TAXYING LANDING TAKE-OFF FLIGHT STATRY FATAL INJURY 3RD 5TH		
							#11				
CATEGORY A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER(S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				STAGE OF FLIGHT		
	Cheetah X		AS41601/A179520 total		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE			TOTAL	
			AS42198/A225371 "				SOLO	DUAL		SOLO	DUAL
					12	4	10	20		51	71
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Solo day practice. Steep turns and precautionary landings.

NIL

105/700/PAR

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C believed to have dived into ground at a steep angle. Near end of runway as aircraft became airborne one of the engines spluttered as if it were missing but the a/c seemed to fly all right. A few minutes after take-off a/c was observed to be spinning down from a height of 1,000' to 1200', crashed 5 miles S of the main aerodrome.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2310

CAUSE

- (1) A/C spun in due to insufficient height for recovery from spin following an engine failure.
- (2) A/C was in fairly flat spin or recovery from one from height.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

CLASSIFICATION:

28. Spinning.

REMARKS BY CO. In view of the complete lack of direct evidence I consider it is unlikely that the true cause of this accident will ever be known

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

29. Obscure.

CONCLUSIONS OF AIB. An obscure accident.

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL

- (1) Engine failure.
- (2) Stiff aileron control
- (3) Physical incapacity of pilot.